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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/483,881	Applicant(s) AHN ET AL.	
	Examiner Ha T. Nguyen	Art Unit 2812	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3,5,7-42 and 65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3,5,7-42 and 65 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Notice to applicant

1. Applicants' Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed Feb. 14, 2005 and Request for a Continued Examination have been entered and made of record. Following is an Office Action responding to the request.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 8-12 are objected to because of the following informalities: in claim 8, in line 3 substitution of "a discontinuous island structure" with --discontinuous islands-- and in claim 9, lines 1-2, substitution of "a discontinuous island structure includes a discontinuous island structure" with --discontinuous islands includes discontinuous islands --. Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 9-12 variously depend from claim 8, they are objected to for the same reason.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. Claims 3, 5, 7-42, and 65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Even though the specification discloses a seed layer having seed islands on a substrate, there is no indication that the substrate is of insulating material. The examiner interpreted that in the normal situation the substrate of a semiconductor device is a semiconductor material having conductive portions that would be connected to the subsequently formed interconnects, the discontinued seed islands would be electrically connected by the underlying conductive portions. Therefore, the individual elements of the discontinuous seed layer are not electrically isolated from each other, as claimed in the independent claims 7, 8, 13, 20, 28, and 34.

Claims 3, 5, 9-12, 14-19, 21-27, 29-33, and 35-42 variously depend from claims 7, 8, 13, 20, 28, or 34, they are rejected for the same reason.

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Response to Amendment

4. In view of the amendments to the claims, the rejections of claims 3, 5, 7-42, and 65 under 35 U.S.C. 103, as stated in the indicated Office Action, have been withdrawn. Applicants' arguments are therefore rendered moot.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ha T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 6:00PM, except the first Friday of each bi-week. The telephone number for Wednesday is (703) 560-0528.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael S. Lebentritt, can be reached on (571) 272-1873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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